Freedom fighters pension

1942. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of Freedom fighters pension are pending with Government for over three years, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of cases of pension from Tamil Nadu are pending;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is no proper communication to the applicants from the Ministry causing delay; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to clear these cases on a war footing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No case, complete in all respects and eligible for Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension, duly verified and recommended by the State Government, is pending.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Dialogue with NSCN(K)

1943. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are holding a dialogue with NSCN(K);

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) In a Press release issued on April 8, 2000, the NSCN (K) has offered to have formal Cease Fire with Government of India. State Government of Nagaland have also suggested that a Cease Fire agreement should be signed with the NSCN(K).